

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a drug to a blood vessel lesion, said method comprising:
introducing a catheter carrying a balloon into the blood vessel, wherein the drug is carried by the balloon as a platform;
inflating the balloon to radially expand a scoring cage structure comprising metal scoring elements slidably carried by said balloon, wherein the balloon inflation engages the scoring elements against stenotic material in the lesion to radially penetrate the stenotic material;
releasing a drug into the scored lesion to enhance delivery into the vessel wall;
deflating the balloon, wherein the metal scoring elements of the cage structure elastically close[[s]] over the balloon as the balloon deflates; and
removing the catheter, the deflated balloon [[balloon]] and the scoring cage structure from the blood vessel.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 60, wherein releasing comprises embedding the drug through the stenotic material into the vessel wall.

63. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 62, wherein the drug is present in capsules.

64. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 62, wherein the drug is present in a drug-containing polymer.

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65.-69. (Canceled)

70. (Previously Presented) A method as in claim 60, wherein the scoring elements in the scoring cage are arranged helically over the expansible balloon.